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July 01, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

17 July 1, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT CONTRIBUTION OF
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING AND
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION
WILMINGTON AVENUE AT EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD, ET AL.
IN THE CITY OF COMPTON AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED
COMMUNITIES OF WEST CARSON AND WILLOWBROOK
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize Highways-Through-Cities financial assistance to the City of Compton, extend financial assistance to the State of California Department of Transportation and to approve and advertise the Wilmington Avenue at El Segundo Boulevard, et al., project in the City of Compton and in the unincorporated communities of West Carson and Willowbrook; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt Resolution No. 3949 and the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3949 finding that the project is of general County interest and that the

County of Los Angeles aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$99,000 shall be provided to the City of Compton and County of Los Angeles aid in the amount of \$94,000 shall be provided to the State of California Department of Transportation to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

3. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for traffic signal modification and synchronization, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$150,000 and \$210,000.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on July 29, 2014, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range and deliver the project.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project; adopt Resolution No. 3949 and the plans and specifications; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

Modification and synchronization of traffic signals will be at the intersections of Wilmington Avenue at El Segundo Boulevard and 223rd Street at Harbor Freeway southbound ramp.

Additionally, Board adoption of the enclosed resolution approves a County of Los Angeles contribution of Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds of \$99,000 to finance the City of Compton's jurisdictional share of the project cost and approves the County contribution of \$94,000 to the State of California Department of Transportation to finance the State's jurisdictional share of the project cost.

Pursuant to Section 130 of the California Streets and Highways Code, the State and County are authorized to enter into contracts for improvements to State highways within the County. The State defines an encroachment permit to be a contract between the State and an encroachment permit holder. The County obtained an encroachment permit from the State to implement the project. Under the terms of the encroachment permit, the County is granted authority to enter onto State right of way to implement the project.

Section 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public, which will benefit the communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$150,000 to \$210,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$319,000, with the County's jurisdictional share being \$126,000, the City of Compton's share being \$99,000, and the State of California Department of Transportation's share being \$94,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed with \$251,000 in Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the Gateway Cities and South Bay Traffic Signal Forums, and \$68,000 in Proposition C Local Return Match Funds. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$68,000 will be funded from this TOP allocation. The \$99,000 in HTC Funds and \$94,000 for the State's jurisdictional share consist of Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds and Proposition C Local Return funds. Financing is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing program for transportation system management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2014 and be completed in January 2015.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and (f) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; Class 1, Subsections (i), (x)(4), (x)(14), and (x)(22) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for use during construction, modification of existing traffic signal system, reconstruction of existing curb ramps, and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow thereby benefiting the cities and community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3949 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITY OF
COMPTON FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL
SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF COMPTON, hereinafter referred to as CITY, the STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, hereinafter referred to as STATE, and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to modify the traffic signals at the intersections of Wilmington Avenue at El Segundo Boulevard and 223rd Street at 110 Freeway, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to construct PROJECT at no cost to CITY and STATE; and

WHEREAS, portions of PROJECT are located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITY and STATE; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITY, STATE and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$319,000.00); and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) 1999 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the Gateway Cities Forum, the 2001 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Traffic Forum, and COUNTY'S Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost will be financed with Two Hundred Fifty-One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$251,000.00) in LACMTA Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the Gateway Cities and South Bay Traffic Forums, and Sixty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$68,000.00) in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sixty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$68,000.00) will be funded from this TOP allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITY pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Numbers P0006295 and P0008120 between COUNTY and LACMTA; and

WHEREAS, Section 130 of the California Streets and Highways Code provides that STATE and COUNTY may enter into contracts for improvements to STATE highways within COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, STATE defines an encroachment permit to be a contract between STATE and an encroachment permit holder, that describes the terms and conditions under, which the permit holder is granted permissive authority to enter onto STATE right-of-way to perform an activity; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY obtained an encroachment permit from STATE for PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and County aid shall be extended therefore.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Streets and Highways Code sections 1680-1683, to extend aid to CITY in the amount of Ninety-Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000.00) and, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code section 130, to contribute an additional amount of Ninety-Four Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$94,000.00) for PROJECT from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of the COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from LACMTA pursuant to MOU Numbers P0006295 and P0008120 between COUNTY and LACMTA.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 1st day of July, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.




SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By 
Deputy